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## *Cut Your Own Christmas Tree!*

**Colville, WA...**Have you ever wanted to find and cut your own Christmas tree? Save money, get outside and explore your national forest! Five dollar Christmas tree permits are available at any Colville National Forest office beginning Monday, November 3, 2014.

For many homes, the holiday season would not be complete without a fresh-scented Christmas tree and the annual event of walking through the beautiful winter woods in search of the perfect tree. Some of the more popular trees are the true firs, pines, and Douglas-firs which have a more natural look than the commercially grown trees from tree farms.

Most of the 1.1 million acres of the Colville National Forest is open to Christmas tree cutting, but you must have a permit to do so. Permits are good on the Colville National Forest and cutting is prohibited on privately owned and state lands within the National Forest boundary, in posted plantations, campgrounds, administrative sites, and other areas where posted.

It's always a good idea to get your permit early, as there is a two permit per-household limit and permits are non-refundable if you get snowed out of the cutting areas.

For more information please contact your local Colville National Forest Office.

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